

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (canceled).

2. (previously presented): A magnetic transferring method comprising the steps of:
bringing a master medium and a slave medium into close contact with each other, the master medium bearing information signals;
applying a transfer magnetic field; and
performing magnetic transfer,
wherein a recording plane of the slave medium and an information bearing plane of the master medium are brought into close contact with each other, with liquid in an amount of 2 to 20 mg/m² intervening therebetween.

3. (original): The magnetic transferring method according to claim 2, wherein said liquid has lubricity.

4. (original): The magnetic transferring method according to claim 2, wherein said liquid having lubricity is coated on the recording plane of the slave medium.

5. (original): The magnetic transferring method according to claim 3, wherein said liquid having lubricity is coated on the recording plane of the slave medium.

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6. (original): The magnetic transferring method according to any one of claims 2 to 5, wherein after the magnetic transfer, the close contact between the slave medium and the master medium is released while the slave medium is moved.

Claims 7 and 8 (canceled).